

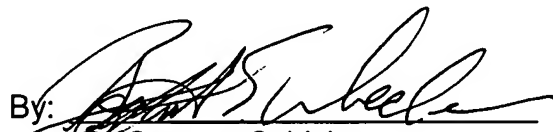
REMARKS

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I (claims 15 and 16) with traverse. Claims 21-32 are drawn to a method of manufacturing a circuit board and properly belong in the same group as claims 15-16. Applicants request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement in view of the above amendments. Claims 21-32 now depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 15. Further, the Office Action states that both groups are in the same class; Claim 21 recites the order of steps found in claim 15; and all pending claims are directed to a method of manufacturing a circuit board. The Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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